

SECURITY INFORMATION

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1. Data available to this office ^{are} is not immediately current but something is known of the conditions in the areas in question at the given period for 1951, and this situation might be somewhat similar now.

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2. [REDACTED] are in an area where the first stages of land reform were completed during the winter of 1952. This means that land was confiscated and distributed to landless and land-poor peasants, and land certificates were issued. Since this activity, the peasants have been busy with planting, cultivation and harvesting of crops. During October peasants will be occupied with planting of winter crops (wheat, peas and beans), and after this, the government will probably send out inspection teams to check the progress of land reform, and arrange for further controls of the peasants.

3. After only this first stage of land reform, government control is not firm, as it is in North China and Manchuria, for example, although no instances of active peasant resistance are known to this office.

4. The rice harvest will have been completed (August), and government collections made. There should be food available since this is a food surplus area.

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